

FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2008

The meeting was held on September 18, 2008. Those present were: Dana Escott, Richard Woods, Nick Novich, Troy Martin, Sheila Kirkpatrick, Marilyn Ross, and Gwen Quesnell.

Minutes from August 13, 2008, were read and approved.

The bills were presented.

Correspondence: Thank you cards read from fair.

3RAC discussion about fair. We need to put up some hand rails in the grandstands. Everything went ok. Discussion on NRA Rodeo was that we lost a lot of tax payers money and maybe we need to do something different next year or possibly only do one day NRA rodeo and put the Ranch Rodeo at night, maybe Thurs night or Friday night. Everyone loved the Ranch Hand Rodeo. Richard thought the NRA rodeo was a little slow going. There was a lot of good ideas and thoughts tossed around to bring up gate money for fair. There is possible talk of moving the kids rodeo to the Sunday before fair along with the 4-H horse show. The PA system needs fixed and the Board would like to wait until the spring to fix it so it doesn't have to sit through the winter. There is only one 3RAC event left and they felt that they could get through it ok with the system the way it is. There was discussion about added money coming from the sponsorship signs in the arena. Sheila said that 3RAC bought the water truck this year with the sign money. Maybe we could put on some other events during the year to bring in some money. Possibly we could take money at the gate for the Ranch Rodeo? Maybe we could do a bullarama during the summer for revenue. Maybe we could move the roping to Sunday afternoon and do the Ranch Hand Rodeo Thurs or Fri Night.

The fair dates for the 2009 fair will be August 12-16, 2009. This weekend seems to work out the best for all. More opportunities for vendors, entertainment, carnival, etc. The fair meeting will only be for bill paying during the fair since this is such a busy time. Motion made by Richard and seconded by Nick, approved.

The campground in the back of the fairgrounds is about to be under construction. Missoula Concrete will be bringing in the new vault toilet and then they will move the airport one to the arena.

Maron from Denny Rehburg's office was at the Fairgrounds on September 16 to view the Pavilion, Jeffers and Grandstands for federal grant monies. On September 29, at 1:30 pm Max Baucus's and John Tester's office will be at the fairgrounds along with the Director for Housing and Urban Development to view these buildings. The Request for Architects is out for bid and will be awarded soon.

Gwen mentioned that the floor in the Pavilion drains under the stage and does not drain in the middle of the floor where the drains are. We need lighted exit signs in the Pavilion and Jeffers buildings.

The heater is ready in the 4-H building, Dana will call Northwestern Energy to see what it will cost to get it turned on.

Dana will attend the Fair Conference in Coeur D' Alene, November 12-15, 2008.

A draft of the Bylaws was given to all Board members for their review. A draft of the Release/Contract with more specific information was given to the Board members for review, additions, deletions, and corrections.

There has been some wind damage to the Pavilion, play house roofs, and flag pole. MACO's insurance adjuster was at the fairgrounds and looked at damage. Dana is waiting for a contractor to make a bid on the damage.

Next fair board meeting, October 16, 2008 at 7 pm at the Fair Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Escott